

**RAIL UNION CHIEFS
MEE TO CONSIDER
PLAN OF PRESIDENT**

Long Session Predicted as
17 Leaders Convene, With
Rejection Forecast.

**STRIKE BEFORE CABINET;
MANY REPORTS READY**

No Inking Given of Probable
Course of U. S. Should Peace
Efforts Fail.

By the Associated Press.
Heads of seventeen railroad labor organizations, including those on strike and the larger operating brotherhoods, considered President Harding's latest settlement proposal for more than two hours today without reaching any decision as to what response should be made by the men on strike.

Warren S. Stone, grand chief of the Brotherhood of Engineers, who presided at the session, which adjourned shortly after noon, said another meeting would be held later in the day but that probably no answer would be given before tomorrow.

Chief officials of the seventeen railroad labor organizations went into joint session shortly after 10 o'clock today and B. M. Jewell, their chairman, said the session would be a long one. They had nothing to do but to consider the president's proposal, which they had previously given indications that they would not accept. The status of all strikers to adjustment by the Railroad Labor Board after their return to work.

Expect Disputes.
Attending the meeting today in addition to Chairman Jewell were Warren S. Stone, grand chief of the Brotherhood of Engineers; D. B. Robertson, president, Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers; L. E. Sheppard, president, Order of Railroad Conductors; J. W. Kline, president, Brotherhood of Blacksmiths; W. H. Johnston, president, Association of Railway Machinists; A. Franklin, president, Brotherhood of Boilermakers; James Burns, vice president, Sheet Metal Workers; E. J. Martin, president, Brotherhood of Electrical Workers; Martin F. Ryan, president, Brotherhood of Railway Carmen; T. C. Cashen, president, Switchmen's Union; E. H. Fitzgerald, president, Brotherhood of Railroad Signalmen; T. H. Head, president, Brotherhood of Stationary Firemen and Oilers; and W. N. Doak, vice president, Brotherhood of Railway Clerks. The session was also expected to be represented at the session.

Cabinet Meets Also.
President Harding and his cabinet went into session at exactly the same time the union leaders assembled and the strike troops foremost in the cabinet discussions. Attorney General Daugherty before leaving the Department of Justice for the White House sent telegrams to representatives of the department in Arizona, New Mexico and California, asking them to report on the progress of the Big Four Brotherhood members on the Santa Fe in its western territory. He also carried the president's ultimatum to the cabinet meeting, and other members of the President's official family were expected to be present.

No New Strike Planned.
It has been repeatedly emphasized by Mr. Jewell, spokesman for the allied shop unions, that the general conference was desired in an advisory way and that the session of the strike was not to result from today's meeting. Since the conference was called, however, members of some other rail unions at various points have refused, with the sanction of the union heads, to work under conditions of protest against the use of troops and armed guards and also against alleged deterioration of working conditions.

Meanwhile, the nature of the railroad problem would be given much attention by the general conference. Early action by the shopmen toward framing their answer to Mr. Harding's proposal that the strike be ended by the administration and its removal to a day or more for the general conference to go over the ground with the shopmen. It seemed likely that the men's answer would not reach the President before next week.

Rejection Is Predicted.
Since the President's new and final suggestion was made known shopcraft leaders have been freely predicted that it would be rejected, although they have not yet made any proposition. The executive heads of the organization in the shopcraft federation who have power to act have been engaged in conferences here preparatory to the general gathering today, and nothing has been said to alter the impression that rejection is a foregone conclusion, only the form of the answer to the President being in doubt.

Meanwhile, administration leaders have given no inking as to the course the government will follow if it again faces rejection of its efforts to bring about voluntary termination of the strike. Congress will be in full session next week, ready, as the President desires, to take up the problem should the administration find it expedient to seek emergency legislation, but there is nothing to indicate that a definite program has been or will be prepared and the answer of both sides reach the White House.

23 TIME BOMBS SET OFF IN CALIFORNIA RAIL YARD

Blasts in Santa Fe Stockade at San Bernardino Continue Three Hours. Great Increase in Disorders.

By the Associated Press.
SAN BERNARDINO, Calif., August 11.—Twenty-three time bombs exploded in intervals during a three-hour period early today in the stockade of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe railroad within 200 yards of the company's roundhouse, according to the sheriff's office.

The bombs were located on the ground and in exploding did not injure anyone, except for blowing much earth into the air, it was said.

More explosions were expected momentarily and no one was allowed in the stockade this morning.

Serious Tie-Up Threatened.
CHICAGO, August 11.—Serious threats to traffic by refusal of trainmen to move trains at points where troops are on guard; renewed outbreaks of violence resulting in the deaths of several men; and the possibility of walkouts by maintenance-of-way men on various roads marked the progress of the strike of shopcraft employees as railroad heads and union leaders gathered for conferences here today.

Members of the "big four" transportation brotherhoods, upon whom train movements depend, were authorized by their chiefs to suspend work if they consider strike conditions and the presence of soldiers at terminals and junction points "unbearable."

Non-Union Men Killed.
Switchmen at Meriden returned to work after a short walkout, but firemen there voted not to aid in the movement of freight trains until the demands of the striking shopmen were met.

Two non-union employees of the Collinsville yard at Cleveland, one a dispatcher and the other a callboy, were shot and killed on a street corner. Their slayer escaped.

At Hulbert, Ark., two negro shop employees of the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific were shot and probably fatally wounded.

At Birmingham, Ala., an attempt was made to blow up a dining car used for feeding shopmen and laborers in the Frisco yards. The explosion caused just before 100 men were driven from the dining car. A bundle of dynamite sticks in the yards near the cars.

Shanty Cars Dynamited.
Dynamite was used in an attempt to blow up shanty cars and a diner in the Southern railway yards at Asheville, N. C. Windows were shattered in the cars.

State rangers were sent to Texarkana, Tex., in connection with strike trouble there. Water pipes supplying the Texas and Pacific yards and the union stations were cut by unknown persons.

Four Trains Canceled.
Strike railroads were ordered for trains canceled by the Lackawanna conference at St. Paul. Governors of Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota and Wisconsin, in a letter to President Harding, their approval of action toward government operation of the strike.

Coal Shortage Assigned by Road Officials.
The Missouri Pacific Pacific six passenger trains of the Frisco line operating in Kansas. Marshal Albertson was seriously burned when a bomb exploded in his hands shortly after the explosion of the twenty-two.

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COAL WAGE PLAN IS BEING FRAMED AT JOINT PARLEY

Cleveland Conference Draft to Be Used as Basis of Settlement.

**ALL DEMANDS GIVEN
COMMITTEE HEARING**

Operators Present Represent 20
Per Cent of Central Competitive Field.

By the Associated Press.
CLEVELAND, Ohio, August 11.—Work of framing a wage scale agreement, which union officials said they expect using as a basis of settlement in the nation-wide soft coal strike, was begun today by a committee of twenty-two miners and operators.

President John L. Lewis of the miners and Michael Gallagher of this city, president of the Pittsburgh Vein Coal Operators' Association of Ohio, headed the committee, the entire personnel of which was selected from the scale committee of the general conference called here to consider peace plans.

Demands to Be Heard.
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NEW REPARATIONS PACT IS REPORTED

Germany Granted Moratorium to End of Year, Says Unofficial Dispatch.

TALK OF SPLIT CEASES

Allied Premiers Believed to Have
Agreed on Chief Points in Dispute.

By the Associated Press.
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Announcement of the marriage was made by the bride.

After the wedding Mr. and Mrs. McCormick gave a luncheon at the city hall.

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MACBRIDE, NIKEL VICTIM OF MURDER WITNESS ALONG ROAD

Insurrection Found on Tag in Man's Shoe Gives New York Address.

CORRESPONDS WITH 'MCB'

Police Are Working on Theory
That Slaying May Have Been
Done by Gamblers.

The combined detective departments of Maryland and the District today were following faintly marked trails through the pall of mystery that enshrouds the murder of the elderly man whose body mutilated by a score of knife thrusts and with a small piece of rope tied firmly around his neck, was found along a road near Meadows, Prince Georges county, yesterday.

The discovery early this afternoon of a small leather tag bearing the inscriptions, "MacBride, New York, Lodge No. 1, B. P. O. E. 108-116 West 43d street," inside a shoe worn by the murdered man is considered by the authorities as most likely to lead to the murderer.

Two highly important facts had been established in the discovery that the victim had lived between 22 and 23 years, the residence of Mrs. Mary E. Cone, and that he was a member of Lodge No. 1, B. P. O. E. 108-116 West 43d street, New York.

Detective Hermon visited the 300 Madison avenue address today by Mrs. Cone that her roomer had disappeared Tuesday, leaving behind a purse and a letter addressed to a "M. C. B." which are the same initials found stamped on the victim's tag.

It was also learned from the Elks' Club in New York that a man giving the name of R. C. McBride of Muskogee, Okla., had registered there from July 28 to August 1.

The salting for Europe of the bridegroom in today's Paris wedding followed shortly his recovery in Chicago from an operation. He was accompanied on his voyage by his daughter Mathilde, whose romantic attachment to Max Oser, former Swiss army officer and proprietor of a riding academy in Switzerland, where Miss McCormick lived during a great part of her girlhood, has rivaled the paternal romance in public attention.

The outcome of Mathilde's romance is not yet definitely apparent, but Mr. McCormick has declared he would not interfere in his daughter's affairs.

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